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Senate Majority Leader Sikkema Announces Review of Tax Tribunal Operations

Accusations may warrant full Senate investigation

Lansing – Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema today announced the Senate is conducting an informal, internal review of the Tax Tribunal’s handling of an appeal by the Dow Chemical Co. Two of the tribunal’s members recently sent a letter to Gov. Granholm referring to a “distressing issue” involving the tribunal chairman.

“This is a very troubling situation that cannot be ignored,” said Sikkema, R-Wyoming. “The Governor’s Office told the media they are reviewing the letter sent to the governor and the director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth is giving weak explanations. That’s not good enough. The Senate will be reviewing the serious accusations in the letter to determine if further legislative action is warranted. I want some answers and I urge the administration to fully cooperate with our review. We have a responsibility to not let this get swept under the rug.”

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